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SUBJECT: MRS MEIR RAND DAYAN ON THE WAR

REF: TEL AVIV 8115

1. UNDERSTANDABLY BECAUSE OF NATURE OF AUDIENCES, MRS MEIR IN HER ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN JOURNALISTS OCTOBER 13, AND DAYAN IN HIS HEBREW LANGUAGE INTERVIEW ON ISRAELI TELEVISION OCTOBER 14 (REFTEL), GAVE, RESPECTIVELY, SOME SOFTER AND HARDER ELEMENTS OF ISRAELI POSITION. MRS MEIR'S CONVEYED ISRAEL'S DESIRE FOR PEACE AND READINESS FOR CEASEFIRE; DAYAN'S THRUST WAS DEFEAT WHICH ISRAEL WILL INFLICT ON ITS ENEMIES AND LIKELIHOOD OF LONG WAR. MRS MEIR WENT SO FAR IN STRESSING IMMEDIACY WITH WHICH ISRAEL WOULD CONSIDER ANY AUTHORITATIVE CEASEFIRE PROPOSAL, IT WAS FELT NECESSARY LATER FOR GOI SPOKESMAN TO ISSUE CLARIFICATION, EXPLAINING SHE ONLY MEANT CABINET WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONVENE TO DISCUSS ANY CEASEFIRE PROPOSAL, NOT THAT ISRAEL NECESSARILY WOULD AGREE INSTANTLY TO CEASEFIRE DISCUSSIONS WITH SYRIA OR EGYPT OR BOTH.

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2. NO "CORRECTION" OF DAYAN'S REMARKS SEEMS LIKELY, ALTHOUGH SOME ISRAELIS MAY BE TROUBLED THAT DAYAN MIGHT SEEM UNCONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT HOSTILITIES COULD END WITH NO WRITTEN CEASEFIRE. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS HIS INTENTION. DAYAN HIMSELF WARNED OF SITUATION AT END OF WAR WHICH COULD DEVELOP INTO PROLONGED AND PRECARIOUS PERIOD LIKE MARCH 1969-AUGUST 1970 WAR OF ATTRITION, WITH ITS ALMOST DAILY ISRAELI CASUALTIES. IN MY OPINION GOI WOULD PREFER LEGAL ARRANGEMENT DEFINING SITUATION WHEN HOSTILITIES END.

3. I BELIEVE CARE MUST BE TAKEN NOT TO READ MORE INTO MRS. MEIR'S AND DAYAN'S REMARKS THAN WAS THERE. IMPORTANT THING IS THAT NEITHER LEADER CLOSED ANY OPTIONS, AND IN FACT THEY MAY HAVE CREATED A NEW ONE: MRS. MEIR DELIBERATELY SIDESTEPPED QUESTION ABOUT NEED FOR ANY CEASEFIRE TO BE BASED ON PRE-OCTOBER 6 LINES, SAYING THAT THERE WAS NO POINT SPECULATING ABOUT POSSIBLE CEASE-FIRE ARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE ARABS WERE NOT READY. AS FOR DAYAN, HE DID NOT USE OCCASION TO STATE ANY POSITION ON SUBJECT, AND INTERVIEWER DID NOT ASK HIM ABOUT IT.

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